

OFFICIAL MINUTES
The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation, Inc. Meeting
March 14, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mel Magnelli, Beth Cram, Paula Mason, Misti Lockie, Tom Jones
ABSENT: Saunia Phillips, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Janet Stout, Gretchen Spooner, Jeff Woods, Harv Lyter,
Guest: Tim Ledington, Brenda Jensen
Minute Recorder: Misti Lockie

Paula opened the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Because Tom could only be present for part of the meeting, it was decided that any minutes that need approval will be handled at the April meeting.

Celeste White's funding request was approved through email by the board members. This is \$300 for the mapping of her implants initially; she will get continuing funding from Medicaid later. Patti Durham is her regional teacher.

Misti reported that the Spring Optimist submission had been made. Info from the Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys pillow drive was published, as well as thank yous for recent donations, the info for scholarship deadline, and the info for the upcoming fall roping fundraiser. In addition, these items have also been posted to the website.

Tim Ledington presented the \$1000 fund request for the tutor program. This program is free to students, and needs assistance to purchase books for the tutors. VR pays the tutors, but books for the tutors are not provided. They must share with students, and therefore cannot prepare before the actual tutor meeting. Each student gets 48 hours per week. Money would go to purchase books only for the tutors, and would be handled through a special account at the CSI bookstore. The books could be sold back at the end of the term, and therefore a continual fund would be made available for purchasing these books.

In addition, Paula wrote some grant assistance requests to corporations for this cost. The college also pays for an interpreter to attend the tutor session. This would be a one-time request. Beth also offered to donate some of her used textbooks to this program.

Tom commented that this sounds like a great program that we would like to support. Beth motioned we grant the request, and Tom seconded. The motion carried.

Tim Ledington was then introduced, and expressed his interest in becoming a permanent board member. He is a 3rd year student at CSI and has been a tutor for a year. His major is now Elementary Education, after already receiving his AA in Computer Graphics. He will transfer to ISU to pursue his BA in Elementary Education at some point, and possibly his M. Ed as well. He grew up in Fruitland, and was the only deaf student in his mainstream class. He has volunteered for the Raptor Run, Tools for Life, and has been a mentor. He was also on the panel for Parent Day at CSI. Tim left the room so a vote could be held.

Paula and Beth mentioned that Tim would bring a great unique perspective to the Board based on his motivation, high achievement level, and his fresh ideas. He would also portray the student's point of view. Mel made a motion to accept his application, and Beth seconded. The motion carried.

We are checking into the 2nd weekend in October for Parents Weekend and the Roping Fundraiser.

For the roping fundraiser, we need to obtain some sponsorships for awards. Misti and Paula will handle most of the organization of the actual event; roping stock and laborers. In addition, it was decided to try to hold the Raptor Run the Saturday morning in conjunction with the roping. Friday night and Saturday afternoon ropings could be held. The ISDB Foundation Raptor Run & Rope Benefit Event.

It was discussed we could set up a type of “carnival” addition to the roping, and invite HS and college students to man different stations for a petting zoo, roping dummy, bucking barrel, stick horse barrel racing etc.

Beth motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 4:05; Mel seconded.